PRAYERS

FOR

FAMILIES:

CONSISTING OF

A FORM,

SHORT BUT COMPREHENSIVE,

FOR THE

MORNING & EVENING

OF EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK,

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PREFACE.

IT ſeems to be an acknowledged fact, that the duty of Family Prayer is very generally neglected. The evil, not to ſay ſinfulneſs, of this neglect is ſo evident, that it is not neceſſary to be formally proved. Prayer to God has always been juſtly conſidered as a duty in itſelf, and as greatly iuſtrumental in enabling us to diſcharge all other duties; and it is one diſtinguiſhing benefit of the Chriſtian religion, that it inſtructs us how to perform the duty of prayer in a proper manner. The Chriſtian religion, by its general doctrines and precepts, and particularly by the prayer, which our Saviour himſelf preſcribed, (whether that prayer be conſidered as a *form*, or as a *ſpecimen* of forms,) gives us an advantage, in this reſpect, infinitely above that, which could have been

derived from the mere light of nature. Socrates was ſenſible of the want of this advantage, when, diſcourſing with his young friend Alcibiades on the difficulty of praying with propriety, he ſaid, reſpecting it, "we muſt wait patiently 'till he ſhall come, who will inſtruct us fully in all the duties, which we owe both to God and man." * The diſciples of our Lord were ſenſible of it, when they ſaid to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John alſo taught his diſciples." Without the aſſiſtance, which is thus afforded us, moſt truly may it be ſaid, that "we know not what to pray for as we ought." Inexcuſable, therefore, ſhould we be, if, being poſſeſſed of this advantage, we neglected to make uſe of it, and refuſed to enjoy one of the ſignal bleſſings of the religion, which we profeſs ſo highly to value. Yet this

* See No. 207 of the *Spectator*: alſo No. 201

this, except at the diſtantly recurring ſeaſons of public worſhip, would undoubtedly be the caſe of very many inferior members of large families, if leſt to the guidance of their own diſcretion. Many individuals of that deſcription, though arrived at the uſe of reaſon, are either not able, or not willing, to avail themſelves of the privilege, which, as Chriſtians, they may be thought to poſſeſs, of addreſſing themſelves acceptably to the throne of grace, without being called upon to do ſo by the voice of authority, and directed in doing ſo by ſome miniſterial aſſiſtance. It is, therefore, the duty of every head of a family, as ſuch, to pronounce this voice, and to provide this aſſiſtance, at ſuch times, and in ſuch a manner, as the nature of the thing requires, and his particular ſituation will admit. *

* For a particular enumeration of the benefits, which may juſtly

With reſpect to the returns of time, at which families ought to be called to their devotions, I ſhall be content with ſaying, in the words of the pious and judicious Biſhop Butler, that "cuſtom, as well as the manifeſt propriety of the thing, and examples of good men in Scripture, juſtify us in inſiſting, that none, who have not thrown off all regard to religion, omit their prayers morning or evening"; and that, as ſo many would not pray at all, unleſs they were thus called upon, it neceſſarily follows, that family prayers ought not to recur leſs frequently. * "The form of religion," as the ſame prelate very juſtly obſerves, "may indeed

juſtly be expected to ariſe from the obſervance of the duty here recommended, I refer to the excellent Biſhop Gibſon's *Exhortation to Family Prayer.*

* For daily morning and evening ſervice among the Jews, there was an expreſs command of God. See Exod. xxix, 38, 39. Alſo Numb. xxviii, 3, 4.

deed be, where there is little of the thing itſelf; but the thing itſelf cannot be preſerved among mankind without the form." The public prayers of the Church were intended to be reſorted to every morning and evening. It is well known how little the practice, at the preſent day, accords with this intention. "The body of the people, eſpecially in country places, cannot be brought to attend the public ſervice oftener than one day in the week; and, ſince this is by no means enough to keep up in them a due ſenſe of religion, it were greatly to be wiſhed, that they could be perſuaded to any thing, which might, in ſome meaſure, ſupply the want of more frequent public devotions, or ſerve the like purpoſes. Family prayers, regularly kept up in every houſe, would have a great good effect." *

Thoſe

* Biſhop BUTLER's *Charge*.

Thoſe who, acknowledging the reaſonableneſs and utility of the duty itſelf, have not the talent of praying extemporally in in the preſence of others, will naturally ſeek for aſſiſtance from preſcribed forms; as will alſo many of thoſe, who have that talent. To obviate the difficulty, which might occur in that ſearch, and by which, I believe, many are hindered from purſuing their wiſhes with reſpect to this duty, is the object of the preſent compilation. For, though we have numerous publications of the ſame kind, which, to many, I doubt not, are found fully to anſwer their intended purpoſe; yet I have never met with one, which entirely accorded with my own ideas; and I may fairly preſume, that I am not peculiar in this. The collections of forms, which I have ſeen, are either ſo multifarious, as to leave too much difficulty of ſelection for each particular

ticular occaſion, or ſo limited, as not to comprehend a ſufficient variety either of ſubjects or expreſſions; not to ſay, that, in many inſtances, the prayers themſelves are either too verboſe or too conciſe. Beſides, in compoſitions of this nature, while warmth of devotion is endeavoured to be excited, there is a danger, not always very clearly ſhunned, of falling into ſentiments or expreſſions, which ſober piety may not altogether approve. On the other hand, while an approach to enthuſiaſm is apprehended, it is eaſy to fall into coldneſs and apathy. It has been my aim, whether ſuccesfully or not, to keep the mean between the ſeveral extremes, to which I refer. In any caſe, there will be no harm in adding to the variety, which, if not a neceſſary, may at leaſt be a pleaſing accommodation to the variety of

of exiſting taſtes. * But, though I did not know a work of this kind, which I approved in the whole, I was fully ſatisfied with various *parts* of many; and, as the merit of original compoſition was not in view, I have freely borrowed from ſuch, as ſeemed moſt likely to aſſiſt me.

Thoſe, of which I have made the moſt uſe, are the following:

Book of Common Prayer.

Common Prayer Book the beſt Companion &c.

Companion to the Altar.

Pious Country Pariſhioner.

Great Importance of a religious Life.

The

* Biſhop Taylor, preſcribing remedies againſt tedioufneſs of ſpirit in prayer, ſays, "It is not imprudent to provide variety of forms of prayer to the ſame purpoſes, that the change, by conſulting with the appetites of fancy, may better entertain the ſpirit. We are certain, that variety is delightful; and, whether that be natural to us, or an imperfection, yet,

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The prayers of our national Church are recommended by ſo many intrinſic excellencies, particularly their comprehenſiveneſs of matter and ſimplicity of language, and by ſo ſtrong a prejudice in their favour, from our being accuſtomed to them, that I was naturally led to ſeek for much aſſiſtance from that quarter. I was encouraged to this by conſideration of the fact, which I have already referred to, that a very ſmall proportion of the people attend the ſervice of the Church on the ordinary days of the week; and that, conſequently, little danger of too frequent repetition of the ſame prayers is to be apprehended. As, however, in the order,

if it be complied with, it may remove the temptation."
Holy Living, Chap. 4. Sect. 7.

What is here applied to the *ſame* perſon at different times, may, with at leaſt equal propriety, be applied to *different* perſons.

der, in which theſe prayers are directed to be be uſed, they are of too *general* a nature to ſuited to the purpoſe of family devotion, I have brought ſuch of them together, and made ſuch verbal alterations in them, as ſeemed beſt adapted to anſwer that purpoſe. With the prayers borrowed from other works, being leſs reſtrained by a prejudice in their favour, I have taken greater liberties. In theſe, however, though I have left but few in the exact ſtate, in which I found them, I have not made many eſſential alterations; and I hope, in endeavouring to render them more ſuitable to the particular purpoſe I had in view, I have been able to preſerve all their original force and beauty.

The order of ſubjects generally, though not invariably, obſerved in this collection, is this:

Introduction.

Introduction.
Confeſſion, and prayer for pardon.
Prayer for grace.
Prayer for preſervation.
Interceſſion.
Thankſgiving. *
Concluſion.

For the introductory Pſalms or Hymns, which I have made uſe of, and which are taken from different verſions of the Pſalms of David, Addiſon's Hymns, Pope's Univerſal Prayer, &c. I am principally indebted to the ſelection of Pſalms and Hymns made for the uſe of the Pariſh Church of *Cardington*,

* What is more peculiarly called *praiſe*, in contradiſtinction to *thankſgiving*, is ſuppoſed to be provided for in the introductory Pſalm or Hymn. "We *praiſe* God," ſays Biſhop ATTERBURY, "for all his glorious acts of every kind, which regard either us or other men; but we *thank* him, properly ſpeaking, for the inſtances of his *goodneſs* alone; and for ſuch only of theſe, as we ourſelves are ſomeway concerned in."

ton, in Bedfordſhire. In ſeveral of them, beſides accommodating them, where neceſſary, to the plural number, I have made a few alterations; by which, I hope, neither the ſenſe nor ſound, if not materially improved, will be found to be injured. What is offered, however, in this part of the ſervice, is intended chiefly by way of *ſpecimen*. Thoſe, who wiſh for more variety, may eaſily ſupply the deficiency by one or other of the numerous collections of Pſalms and Hymns, which are in uſe. *

I have ſome grounds for believing, as I have

* In caſes, where Merrick's verſion of the Pſalms is not thought too refined, a more free uſe of it, than I have ventured to recommend to the *generality* of family congregations, may be admitted with advantage. It is to be hoped, that the very laudable exertions of Mr. TATTERSALL, with reſpect to that verſion, in adapting it to the purpoſes of public and private devotion, will in time have their due effect, and produce a general ſenſe and reliſh of its excellence and beauty.

have already hinted, that many families are deterred from the duty of ſocial worſhip, merely by the want of forms, which are of ſufficiently eaſy application, and otherwiſe free from objections. To ſome of theſe, I hope, the forms, which are here propoſed, as avoiding all peculiarities of ſentiment or expreſſion, and requiring no ſkill of ſelection, will prove acceptable. In the families of the younger nobility and gentry more eſpecially, in which, whether wiſely or not, the ſervices of a domeſtic Chaplain are now ſo generally diſpenſed with, and in which the head of it, for various reaſons, whether well-founded or not, is often unwilling to take the office of Chaplain on himſelf, and is yet deſirous of having the duty of family prayer obſerved, theſe forms may be of uſe. In ſuch families, there is generally ſome el-

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derly and reſpectable perſon, who, though he might not have ſkill enough to ſelect, from a great variety of forms, the beſt or moſt appropriate, would be able to read a preſcribed form with diſtinctneſs and ſerioufneſs; and, doubtleſs, even this would prove one effectual inſtrument of keeping up in the minds of thoſe members of the family, who have but few opportunities of religious inſtruction or meditation, a ſenſe of their dependence on God, and of their obligation to diſcharge every particular of their duty for *conſcience'* ſake; "not with eye-ſervice, as men-pleaſers, but as the ſervants of Chriſt, doing the will of God from the heart." For, as I before obſerved, it is one great uſe of prayer, that it enables us more ſucceſfully to perform our *other* duties; not only by the aſſiſtance of divine grace, which may reaſonably

ably be expected to follow, but also by frequently reminding us what those duties are, and what are the encouragements, by which we ought to be prevailed on to perform them. * In order that the sentiments of devotion, which are intended to be excited, should be interrupted as little as possible, I thought it best to leave nothing, at least in the forms for ordinary days, to the judgment or recollection of the person, who may happen to officiate; and have, therefore, directed, that every thing should be printed at full length. This has occasioned some repetitions, which otherwise might have been avoided. I will only add, that, if this publication

* "Let every man study his prayers, and read his duty in his petitions. For the body of our prayer is the sum of our duty; and, if we turn our prayers into precepts, we shall the easier turn our hearty desires into effective practices."

Bishop TAYLOR's *Holy Living*, Chap. 4. Sect. 7.

lication ſhould prove the means of exciting but ten families, now negligent of this neceſſary duty, to the regular performance of it, I ſhall conſider the pains, which I have taken in it, as amply repaid.

E. P.

REMPSTONE PARSONAGE,
March 1, 1800.

POSTSCRIPT.

SOME may think, with the pious Biſhop Beveridge, * *that, ſince our Saviour has commanded us, when we pray, to ſay, "Our Father, &c." no form of prayer, which does not comprehend the Lord's prayer, is complete. The deficiency, which ſuch may find in ſome of the following forms, may eaſily be ſupplied by directing the introduction of that prayer, either immediately after the Hymn or Pſalm, or immediately before the concluding prayer. The latter, perhaps, is rather preferable. Thus, on Sunday morning, it may immediately precede the prayer, beginning, "The Almighty Lord &c.;" and, on Sunday evening, that beginning, "O Lord, bleſs, keep, and defend, &c." Others, admitting the juſtneſs of the reaſoning referred to, may think, with me, that it will anſwer ſome purpoſe of good occaſionally to ſupply the place of the Lord's prayer itſelf, and particularly when it is not contained in the form, by the* Paraphraſe *of it, which I have ventured to propoſe.* *See Page* 116.

* See his Sermon on the excellency and uſefulneſs of the Common Prayer.

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Page 19. l. 11. for *light'ning*, read *list'ning*.
20. l. 3. for *reaſons*, read *reaſon's*.
40. l. 4. for *unmoved*, read *unmov'd*.
84. l. 4. of the Note, put a comma after *form*.

THE

Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, which art in heaven; hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them, that treſpaſs againſt us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

2 Cor. 13. 14.

The grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the love of God, and the fellowſhip of the Holy Ghoſt, be with us all evermore. Amen.

PRAYERS

FOR

FAMILIES, &c.

SUNDAY MORNING.

O Come, loud ſongs of triumph ſing!
Loud let us thank our heav'nly king!
For we our voices high ſhould raiſe,
When our ſalvation's rock we praiſe.

O, let us to his courts repair,
And bow with adoration there!
Let us before him humbly fall,
And God the Lord, our maker call.

For God the Lord, enthron'd in ſtate,
Is with unrivall'd glory great:
The ſpacious earth is in his hand,
And all its wealth at his command.

He

He is the Shepherd, who will keep
In paſtures green his choſen ſheep:
To him we'll give, in joyful ſongs,
The praiſe that to his name belongs.

Or this.

With one conſent let all mankind
To God their cheerful voices raiſe!
Glad homage pay with grateful mind,
And ſing before him ſongs of praiſe!

For know, that he is God alone:
Know, that from him we all proceed.
We are the flock he calls his own,
The flock, which he vouchſafes to feed.

O, enter then his gates with praiſe!
Approach his courts with holy joy!
Your hearts with warm devotion raiſe!
Your tongues let grateful hymns employ!

For God is gracious, juſt, and good,
His mercy is for ever ſure:

His

His truth at all times firmly ſtood,
And ſhall from age to age endure.*

Let us pray.

O Lord, we beſeech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou haſt given an hearty deſire to pray, may, by thy mighty aid, be defended and comforted in all dangers and adverſities, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all deſires known, and from whom no ſecrets are hid; cleanſe the thoughts of our hearts by the inſpiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Chriſt our Lord.

Diſpoſe our hearts, O Lord, we humbly beſeech thee, to a ſerious attendance upon thee

* In this Pſalm (the 100th) uſe is made both of the *old* and *new* verſion.

thee in all holy duties. Make us duly mindful of all thy ſacred inſtitutions; and grant, that we may never ſo far forget the intereſt of our ſouls, as to neglect the religious obſervance of the Chriſtian ſabbath. As thou haſt brought us to the beginning of this ſacred day, ſo be thou graciouſly pleaſed to take us into thy protection, and to aſſiſt us in a right diſcharge of its duties. Withdraw our minds from the cares and buſineſs and pleaſures of this life, which will ſhortly have an end, to the concerns of that far better life, which is to laſt for evermore. Give us awful thoughts of thy great majeſty, and a lively ſenſe of our own wants; that our prayers and praiſes, and all our ſervices, may be offered up in ſuch a ſerious and devout manner, as may render them acceptable in thy ſight. Make us attentive to thy holy word, and to all the good inſtructions, which may this day be given us; and grant, that we may not reſt in mere outward performances; but, by a right uſe of thy holy ordinancies, may grow in grace,

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and become every day better Chriſtians; and ſo improve in all virtuous and godly living, that, when this tranſitory life ſhall end, we may dwell with thee in life everlaſting, through the merits of thy Son, and our alone Saviour, Jeſus Chriſt.

The Almighty Lord, who is a moſt ſtrong tower to all them, that put their truſt in him, to whom all things in heaven, in earth, and under the earth, do bow and obey, be now and evermore our defence, and make us know and feel, that there is no other name under heaven given to men, in whom, and through whom, we may receive health and ſalvation, but only the name of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt.

The grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the love of God, and the fellowſhip of the Holy Ghoſt, be with us all evermore. Amen.

SUNDAY EVENING.

GIVE praiſes unto God the Lord,
His truth declare, his pow'r proclaim!
Thro' earth's remoteſt regions round,
Spread ye abroad Jehovah's name!

With pſalms and hymns his wonders tell;
His mighty deeds in verſe record!
With muſic's ſolemn ſtrain combin'd,
Theſe ſhall extol the righteous Lord.

Seek ye the Lord, and ſeek his ſtrength!
Seek him in heav'n, his ſeat divine,
Where, thron'd in everlaſting light,
The glories of his preſence ſhine!

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghoſt,
The God, whom heav'n and earth adore,
Be glory, honour, thanks, and praiſe,
While time ſhall laſt, or be no more!

Let us pray.

O God, whoſe nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions; and, though we be tied and bound with the chain of our ſins, yet let the pitifulneſs of thy great mercy looſe us, for the honour of Jeſus Chriſt, our mediator and advocate,

We again return our moſt humble and hearty thanks to thee, O Lord our God, for the ſpecial bleſſings of this ſacred day; that we have been admitted to the privilege of joining in the aſſemblies for public worſhip, to offer up our prayers and praiſes to thy divine Majeſty, and to hear thy holy word read and preached; and that we have had further opportunities of employing ourſelves more privately in thy worſhip, and in the care of our immortal ſouls. We earneſtly beſeech thee, O Lord, to pardon all the wanderings and diſorders of our minds, and whatever elſe thou haſt ſeen

amiſs in us in our attendance upon thee; and graciouſly to accept our ſincere, though weak, endeavours to ſerve thee. Cauſe thy word, which we have heard or read this day, to abide in our hearts, and to bring forth the fruits of a holy and religious life. Help us, by the uſe of all the means of grace and ſalvation, to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, fitting us more and more for the happineſs of the life to come. We heartily beg the ſame bleſſings for all our fellow Chriſtians, recommending them and ourſelves to thee, O heavenly Father, in the name, and through the interceſſion, of Jeſus Chriſt thy Son, our only mediator and advocate.

Almighty God, who alone canſt order the unruly wills and affections of ſinful men; grant unto us thy ſervants, that we may love the thing, which thou commandeſt, and deſire that, which thou doſt promiſe; that ſo, among the ſundry and manifold

nifold changes of the world, our hearts may ſurely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

O Lord, bleſs, keep, and defend us thy ſervants with thy heavenly grace and benediction, that we may continue thine for ever, and daily increaſe in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until we come unto thy everlaſting kingdom.

The grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the love of God, and the fellowſhip of the Holy Ghoſt, be with us all evermore. Amen.

MONDAY MORNING.

TO God, whoſe temple is all ſpace,
Whoſe altar, earth, ſea, ſkies,
One voice let all his creatures raiſe!
All nature's incenſe riſe!

Vile tho' we are, yet made by thee,
And quicken'd by thy breath,
O, lead us ſafe, from dangers free,
Thro' this day's life or death!

This day be bread and peace our lot!
All elſe beneath the ſun
Thou know'ſt if beſt beſtow'd or not!
And let thy will be done!

Save us alike from fooliſh pride,
Or impious diſcontent,
At aught thy wiſdom hath deny'd,
Or aught thy goodneſs lent.

To God, whoſe temple is all ſpace,
Whoſe altar, earth, ſea, ſkies,
One voice let all his creatures raiſe!
All nature's incenſe riſe!

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlaſting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we deſire or deſerve; pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us thoſe things, whereof our conſcience is afraid, and giving us thoſe good things, which we are not worthy to aſk, but through the merits and mediation of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

Moſt gracious God, who hateſt nothing that thou haſt made, and doſt forgive the ſins of all them that are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our ſins, and acknowledging our wretchedneſs, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remiſſion

remiſſion and forgiveneſs, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlaſting God, who haſt ſafely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the ſame, we beſeech thee, with thy mighty power; and grant, that this day we fall into no ſin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always what is righteous in thy ſight, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

Hear, O Lord, our ſupplications to thee for all our benefactors, friends, and relations. Let thy fatherly hand, we beſeech thee, ever be over them; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; and ſo lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that, in the end, they may obtain everlaſting life, through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who, with thee and the Holy Ghoſt, liveth

liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy ſervants, do give thee moſt humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodneſs and loving-kindneſs to us and to all men. We bleſs thee for our creation, preſervation, that of the night paſt in particular, and all the bleſſings of this life; but, above all, for thine ineſtimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jeſus Chriſt; for the means of grace afforded us here, and for the hope of glory hereafter. Give us, we beſeech thee, that due ſenſe of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may ſhew forth thy praiſe, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourſelves to thy ſervice, and by walking before thee in holineſs and righteouſneſs all our days, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghoſt, be all honour and glory, world without end.

Almighty God, who haſt given us grace, at this time, to make our ſupplications unto thee; and doſt promiſe, that, when two or three are gathered together in thy name, thou wilt grant their requeſts; fulfil now, O Lord, the deſires and petitions of thy ſervants, as may be moſt expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlaſting.

The grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the love of God, and the fellowſhip of the Holy Ghoſt, be with us all evermore. Amen.

MONDAY EVENING.

THE ſpacious firmament on high,
With all the wide expanſe of ſky,
And ſpangled heav'ns, a ſhining frame,
Their great original proclaim.

Th' unwearied ſun, from day to day,
Does his Creator's pow'r diſplay,
And tells abroad, to ev'ry land,
The works of an Almighty hand.

Soon as the ev'ning ſhades prevail,
The moon takes up the wond'rous tale,
And nightly, to the light'ning earth,
Repeats the ſtory of her birth:

While all the ſtars, that round her burn,
And all the planets, in their turn,
Confirm the tidings as they roll,
And ſpread the truth from pole to pole.

What tho' no real voice nor ſound
Amid their radiant orbs be found?
In reaſons ear they all rejoice,
And utter forth a glorious voice,
For ever ſinging, as they ſhine,
" The hand, that made us, is divine. "

Or this.

O thou, to whom all creatures bow
Within this earthly frame!
Thro' all the world how great art thou!
How glorious is thy name!

In heav'n, thy wond'rous acts are ſung;
Thy works are hallow'd there:
On earth, thou mak'ſt the infant tongue
Thy boundleſs praiſe declare.

By day, thy beauteous frame on high
Employs our wond'ring ſight:
By night, the moon, which rules the ſky,
With ſtars of feebler light.

Lord!

Lord! what is man, that thou ſhould'ſt bear
His lowly race in mind?
That they with angels glory ſhare,
From thee protection find?

O thou, to whom all creatures bow
Within this earthly frame!
Thro' all the world how great art thou!
How glorious is thy name!

Let us pray.

O moſt merciful and gracious Lord God, the creator, preſerver, and governor of the world; look down, we humbly beſeech thee, upon us thy unworthy ſervants, who are here aſſembled before thee. We confeſs, O Lord, that we are weak and ſinful creatures; that we have, in many things, acted contrary to thy moſt holy will; and have neither loved thee, feared thee, nor obeyed thee, as we ought to have done. But, O gracious Father, who delighteſt not in the death of a ſinner, look down upon us,

us, we beſeech thee, in thy Son Chriſt Jeſus; and, for the ſake of his merits, pardon our many treſpaſſes; grant, that we may amend in whatever we have done amiſs; and, for the time to come, may be more careful to pleaſe thee, and more ſincerely devoted to thy ſervice. And as, without thee, we are not able to pleaſe thee, grant us the aſſiſtance of thy grace and Holy Spirit, that we may paſs through all the temptations of the world with peace, and innocence, and ſafety. Suffer us not, O Lord, to be led away by the vain and fooliſh cuſtoms of the world, nor ſeduced from our duty by the company and example of wicked or inconſiderate perſons; but grant, that we may make thy laws the rule of all our actions, and faithfully diſcharge our duty in the ſeveral ſtations, in which thy Providence has been pleaſed to place us. Make us duly mindful, that thou art preſent every where, and knoweſt our moſt ſecret thoughts; ſo that we may never dare to do any thing, but what thou approveſt, and

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of which we may not fear to give account at the day of judgment. O, fit and prepare us for that ſolemn time, by a virtuous and holy life; that ſo, when we ſhall appear before the great judge of all the world, we may be found in the number of thoſe, whom he ſhall then pronounce bleſſed. Extend thy mercy, O Lord, to all mankind, and bring them to the knowledge and practice of thy laws. Look down with pity and compaſſion upon all, who are in any kind of affliction; give them patience and comfort under it, and, in thy good time, a joyful deliverance. Send down thy bleſſings, both ſpiritual and temporal, upon all our friends and relations. Do good to thoſe, who have, at any time, done or wiſhed us evil, and turn their hearts. We bleſs thee, O Lord, for our creation and preſervation; for our health, ſtrength, peace, and ſafety; for the conveniences and comforts of this life, and for the hopes and aſſurance of a better, through thy tender mercies in Chriſt Jeſus. We confeſs, O Lord, that we

are unworthy of the leaſt of thy favours; but, in confidence of thy mercy and goodneſs, we do humbly recommend ourſelves, and all that belong to us, to thy fatherly care and good providence; beſeeching thee, who art our only defence and ſafety, to take us this night under thy almighty protection, that no evil may come near to hurt us. Refreſh our bodies with quiet reſt and ſleep, and our ſouls with the comforts of thy Holy Spirit; and, when thou ſhalt think fit to take us out of this world, give us everlaſting reſt and peace in thy heavenly kingdom, through the merits, and for the ſake, of our bleſſed Saviour and Redeemer Jeſus Chriſt, who hath taught us, when we pray, to ſay,

Our Father, which art in heaven; hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them, that treſpaſs againſt us; and lead us not into

into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

TUESDAY MORNING.

GLORY to God, who ſafe hath kept,
Who hath refreſh'd us while we ſlept!
May we, when thus from death we wake,
Thro' him an endleſs life partake!

Lord, we our vows to thee renew;
Scatter our ſins as morning dew!
Guard our firſt ſpring of thought and will,
And with thyſelf our ſpirit fill!

May we redeem the moments paſt,
And live this day as if our laſt;
Improve our talent, take due care,
Ourſelves againſt that day prepare!

May all our converſe be ſincere,
Our conſcience as the noon-day clear!
For God's all-ſeeing eye ſurveys
Our ſecret thoughts, our works, and ways.

Praiſe

Praiſe God, from whom all bleſſings flow;
Praiſe him, all creatures here below!
Praiſe him above, angelic hoſt,
Praiſe Father, Son, and Holy Ghoſt!

Let us pray.

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble ſervants; and, that we may obtain our petitions, make us to aſk ſuch things as ſhall pleaſe thee, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

O God, who art the author of peace, and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom ſtandeth our eternal life, whoſe ſervice is perfect freedom; defend us, thy humble ſervants, in all aſſaults of our enemies; that we, ſurely truſting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adverſaries, through the might of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

O God, by whom the whole world is governed and preſerved; we give thee humble thanks for thy fatherly care over us, beſeeching thee to make us truly ſenſible of all thy mercies, and truly thankful for them. Give us grace, that we may walk as always in thy ſight, making a conſcience of our ways; and that, fearing to offend thee, we may never fall again into the ſins, of which we have repented. Enable us to reſiſt the temptations of the world, the fleſh, and the devil; to follow the motions of thy good ſpirit, to be ſerious and holy in our lives, true and juſt in our dealings, watchful over our thoughts, words, and actions, diligent in our buſineſs, and temperate in all our enjoyments. Make us ever ſenſible, that we depend entirely upon thee; ſo that, in all our neceſſities, we may look up to thee for help; and, becauſe we cannot be ſafe without thy ſuccour, defend us, we beſeech thee, from all dangers both of ſoul and body. Of thy bountiful goodneſs, O Lord,

give us what is needful for us, and give us grace therewith to be content. Give us the bleſſings of this life, and grace not to abuſe them; but, above all things, give us the bleſſings of the life to come, for Jeſus Chriſt's ſake. Hear us, O God, not according to our weak underſtanding, but according to the full meaning of that form of words, which Jeſus Chriſt hath taught us;

Our Father, which art in heaven; hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them, that treſpaſs againſt us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the love of God, and the fellowſhip of the Holy Ghoſt, be with us all evermore. Amen.

TUESDAY EVENING.

GLORY to thee, great God, this night
For all the bleſſings of the light!
Keep us, O keep us, king of kings,
Under thy own almighty wings!

The evil, we this day have done,
Forgive, O Lord, thro' Chriſt thy Son!
That, with the world, ourſelves, and thee,
We, ere we ſleep, at peace may be.

Teach us to live, that we may dread
The grave as little as our bed:
Teach us to die, that ſo we may
With joy behold the judgment-day.

O, may our ſouls on thee repoſe!
Thou with ſoft ſleep our eye-lids cloſe!
Or, if by night we ſleepleſs lie,
Our minds with heav'nly thoughts ſupply.

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Should death itſelf our ſleep invade,
O, make us not of death afraid!
Protect us by thy ſaving arm,
Then, tho' he ſtrike, he cannot harm.

For death is life, and labour reſt,
If with thy gracious preſence bleſt.
To us let death or ſleep then be,
We're ſtill ſecure, for ſtill with thee.

Praiſe God, from whom all bleſſings flow!
Praiſe him, all creatures here below!
Praiſe him above, angelic hoſt,
Praiſe Father, Son, and Holy Ghoſt!

Let us pray,

Almighty God, the fountain of all wiſdom, who knoweſt our neceſſities before we aſk, and our ignorance in aſking; we beſeech thee to have compaſſion upon our infirmities; and thoſe things, which, for our unworthineſs, we dare not, and for our blindneſs we cannot aſk, do thou vouchſafe

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to give us, for the worthineſs of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

Grant unto us, we beſeech thee, merciful Lord, and to all thy faithful people, pardon and peace, that we may be cleanſed from all our ſins, and ſerve thee with a quiet mind, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

Almighty God, who ſeeſt, that we have no power of ourſelves to help ourſelves; keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our ſouls; that we may be defended from all adverſities, which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts, which may aſſault and hurt the ſoul, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

Lighten our darkneſs, we beſeech thee, O Lord; and, by thy great mercy, defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt.

Hear,

Hear, O Lord, our ſupplications to thee for all our benefactors, friends, and relations. Let thy fatherly hand, we beſeech thee, ever be over them; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; and ſo lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that, in the end, they may obtain everlaſting life, through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy ſervants, do give thee moſt humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodneſs and loving-kindneſs to us and to all men. We bleſs thee for our creation, preſervation, that of this day in particular, and all the bleſſings of this life; but, above all, for thine ineſtimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jeſus Chriſt; for the means of grace afforded us here, and for the hope of future glory. Give us, we beſeech thee, that due ſenſe of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we may ſhew

forth thy praiſe, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourſelves to thy ſervice, and by walking before thee in holineſs and righteouſneſs all our days, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghoſt, be all honour and glory, world without end.

Almighty and everlaſting God, who doſt govern all things in heaven and earth; mercifully hear the ſupplications of thy ſervants, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

The grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the love of God, and the fellowſhip of the Holy Ghoſt, be with us all evermore. Amen.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O GOD, our hearts exult with joy,
Our tongues ſhall ſpeak the ſame.
We will lift up our voice in ſong,
To magnify thy name.

Awake, O lute! awake, O harp!
Sweet melody to make;
While, in the morning, we ourſelves
To hymns of joy awake.

By us among the people, Lord,
Alone ſhalt thou be bleſt;
Among the liſt'ning nations round,
Thy name alone confeſt.

Becauſe thy mercy doth aſcend
Above the heav'ns moſt high:
Becauſe thy truth doth reach the clouds
Within the lofty ſky.

Let us pray.

O moſt gracious God, in all humility of ſoul and body, we preſent ourſelves before the throne of thy majeſty and glory, acknowledging, that we are thy dependent creatures, and that, from thy bountiful hand, we have received very many and great bleſſings. By thee at firſt we were wonderfully made, by thy power we have ever ſince been preſerved; and it is owing to thy mercy and goodneſs alone, that we have not been cut off in the midſt of our ſins. O Lord, thy compaſſion never fails. By thee we have been preſerved the night paſt; and to thy goodneſs we aſcribe it, that we are brought in health and ſafety to the beginning of this day. Accept, we humbly pray thee, of our unfeigned thanks for all the mercies and bleſſings, which thou haſt been pleaſed to beſtow upon us; and pardon, we beſeech thee, for the ſake of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, our great unworthineſs of

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what thou haſt done for us. Give us ſuch a ſenſe of thy infinite love and kindneſs, as may engage us more and more to love and obey thee, and make us afraid of every thing, which may be diſpleaſing in thy ſight. O Lord, vouchſafe us ſuch a meaſure of thy grace and Holy Spirit, as may defend us againſt the ſnares and temptations of the world, and enable us to overcome all our corrupt and ſinful deſires. Give us a true ſenſe of the ineſtimable value of our ſouls, that we may make it the chief buſineſs of our lives to work out our ſalvation with care and diligence, and to ſecure that intereſt in thy favour, which is better than life itſelf. Withdraw our minds from the love of this world, and place them upon heaven and heavenly things. Give us grace to uſe the enjoyments, which thou art pleaſed to beſtow upon us, with moderation, with an entire truſt and dependence on thy fatherly care and good Providence, and with a perfect ſubmiſſion to thy bleſſed

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will in all things. O Lord, root out of our hearts all pride and envy, all hatred, malice, and ill-will. Put away from us all cenſoriouſneſs and uncharitableneſs, all lying and ſlandering, and whatever elſe is contrary to a truly Chriſtian Spirit; and endue us, we moſt humbly pray thee, with that meekneſs and humility, which is in thy ſight of ſo great value, and with all thoſe holy and Chriſtian diſpoſitions, which thou loveſt and delighteſt in. Inſtruct us in all the particulars of our duty, which we owe to thee, our neighbour, and ourſelves. Guide us by thy right hand, and conduct us by thy good Spirit, through all the buſineſs and affairs of this life. Teach us to act with faithfulneſs and honeſty in every thing, that we take in hand; and give us ſuch a dread of thy diſpleaſure, and ſuch a ſenſe of thy continual preſence with us, as may ſecure us, by thy grace, againſt all the temptations of the world, the fleſh, and the devil. Take us, we beſeech thee, and all that belong

long to us, under the protection of thy good Providence; and ſo bleſs, direct, and guide us in this life, that we may, at laſt, obtain that greateſt of all bleſſings, the eternal ſalvation of our ſouls, through the merits, and for the ſake, of thy dear Son, and our alone Saviour Jeſus Chriſt; for whom we adore and praiſe thy glorious name, and in whoſe moſt holy words we ſum up our own, and the wants of all mankind:

Our Father, which art in heaven; hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them, that treſpaſs againſt us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the love of God, and the fellowſhip of the Holy Ghoſt, be with us all evermore. Amen.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O, render thanks to God above,
The fountain of eternal love!
His mercy ſtood in ages paſt,
And ſhall unmoved for ever laſt.

Who can his mighty deeds expreſs,
His deeds, both great and numberleſs?
What mortal eloquence can raiſe
A tribute of immortal praiſe?

Happy are they, and only they,
Who ſtrive his ſtatutes to obey!
Thrice happy, who, with ſtedfaſt will,
The dictates of his law fulfill!

Extend to us that favour, Lord,
Thou to thy choſen wilt afford!
O, may we worthy prove to ſee
Thy ſaints partaking life with thee!

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whoſe glory the heaven of heavens cannot contain, look down from the throne of thy majeſty, and behold thy unworthy ſervants proſtrate before thee, humbly confeſſing unto thee the vanity and ſinfulneſs of their lives; eſpecially their omiſſions of duty, and commiſſions of ſin, this day. Of theſe, and all other our tranſgreſſions, we moſt earneſtly repent, and are heartily ſorry. Have mercy upon us, moſt merciful Father; for thy Son Jeſus Chriſt's ſake, forgive us all that is paſt, and aſſiſt our reſolutions to ſerve thee more faithfully for the time to come. And, although we are unworthy, through our miſuſe of thy bleſſings, and our manifold ſins and iniquities, to offer unto thee the ſacrifice of praiſe; yet we beſeech thee to accept of this our bounden duty, with our unfeigned thanks for all thy goodneſs and loving-kindneſs to us and to all mankind. To thee, as is juſtly due,

due, be aſcribed all honour and glory, world without end.

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increaſe in us true religion, nouriſh us with all goodneſs, and of thy great mercy keep us in the ſame, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

O God, our creator and preſerver, under the ſhadow of whoſe wings is perpetual ſafety and repoſe, and from the light of whoſe countenance flows eternal joy and felicity; be pleaſed, in thy mercy, to watch over us this night. Keep us, by thy grace, from all works of darkneſs; and defend us, by thy power, from all its dangers. Grant us moderate and refreſhing ſleep, ſuch as may prepare us for the duties of the following day. Lord, make us ever mindful of that awful time, when we ſhall lie down in the duſt,

duſt; and, ſince we know neither the day nor the hour of our maſter's coming, grant us grace, that we may be always ready; that we may never live in ſuch a ſtate, as we ſhall be afraid to die in; but, whether we live, we may live unto thee, or whether we die, we may die unto thee; ſo that, living or dying, we may be thine, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

Our Father, which art in heaven; hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them, that treſpaſs againſt us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the love of God, and the fellowſhip of the Holy Ghoſt, be with us all evermore. Amen.

THURSDAY MORNING.

FOR ever, Lord, thy juſtice ſtands,
As mountains their foundations keep:
Great are the wonders of thy hands;
Thy judgments are a mighty deep.

Thy providence the world upholds:
Both man and beaſt thy bounty ſhare:
All nature thee its Lord beholds;
But man is thy peculiar care.

O God! how excellent thy grace,
Whence all our hopes, our comforts ſpring!
We, with our weak and guilty race,
Fly to the ſhadow of thy wing.

O, let thy people favour gain!
To upright hearts thy truth diſplay.
With thee the wells of life remain,
Thy preſence is eternal day.

Or

Or this.*

Father of all! be thou alone
In heaven and earth ador'd!
Earth is thy footſtool, heav'n thy throne,
Thou univerſal Lord!

What pow'r to praiſe thee, and obey,
Thy grace to man hath giv'n,
That praiſe and duty let him pay,
'Till earth reſemble heaven.

This day be bread and peace our lot:
All elſe beneath the ſun
Thou know'ſt if beſt beſtow'd or not;
And let thy will be done.

Thy love expecting, let *us* love,
Reliev'd, let *us* relieve:
Thy pity let *our* pity move;
Forgive, as we forgive.

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* This paraphraſe of the Lord's prayer was written by the late Dr. ADAMS, Maſter of Pembroke College, Oxford.

When from without temptations come,
Or luſts inflame within,
Thy grace deſcend, and ſave us from
The greateſt evil, *ſin.*

Supreme in power! all nature waits
Obedient at thy call!
O firſt! O laſt! for thought too great,
O ſource and end of all!

Let us pray.

O Lord, prepare the way before us, in all our doings, with thy moſt gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help, that, in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlaſting life, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

O Lord, we beſeech thee, abſolve us from our offences, that, through thy bountiful goodneſs, we may be delivered from the bands

bands of thoſe ſins, which, by our frailty, we have committed. Grant this, O merciful Father, for Jeſus Chriſt's ſake, our bleſſed Lord and Saviour.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlaſting God, who haſt ſafely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the ſame, we beſeech thee, with thy mighty power; and grant, that this day we fall into no ſin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always what is righteous in thy ſight, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

Hear, O Lord, our ſupplications to thee for all our benefactors, friends, and relations. Let thy fatherly hand, we beſeech thee, ever be over them; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; and ſo lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that, in the end, they may obtain everlaſting life, through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt.

Almighty

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy ſervants, do give thee moſt humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodneſs and loving-kindneſs to us and to all men. We bleſs thee for our creation, preſervation, that of the night paſt in particular, and all the bleſſings of this life; but, above all, for thine ineſtimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jeſus Chriſt; for the means of grace afforded us here, and for the hope of glory hereafter. Give us, we beſeech thee, that due ſenſe of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we may ſhew forth thy praiſe, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourſelves to thy ſervice, and by walking before thee in holineſs and righteouſneſs all our days, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghoſt, be all honour and glory, world without end.

Almighty

Almighty God, who haſt promiſed to hear the petitions of them, that aſk in thy Son's name; we beſeech thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us, that have made now our prayers and ſupplications unto thee; and grant, that thoſe things, which we have faithfully aſked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our neceſſity, and to the ſetting forth of thy glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

The grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the love of God, and the fellowſhip of the Holy Ghoſt, be with us all evermore, Amen.

THURSDAY EVENING.

O God, our king, thy various praiſe
Shall fill the remnant of our days:
Thou ſhalt employ our humble tongue,
'Till death and glory raiſe the ſong.

Maker of all! Lo, ev'ry eye
Expects from thee its juſt ſupply.
Their bread, proportion'd to the day,
Thy open'd hands to all convey.

For this, the winged hours ſhall bear
Some thankful tributes to thine ear;
And ev'ry ſetting ſun ſhall ſee
New works of duty done to thee.

But, who can ſpeak thy wondrous deeds?
Thy greatneſs all our thoughts exceeds.
Great and unſearchable thy ways:
Great and immortal be thy praiſe!

Or

Or this.

The Lord by ſtricteſt ſearch has known
Our riſing up and lying down.
Awake, aſleep, at home, abroad,
We dwell encompaſſ'd by our God.

Lord, ſhould we try to ſhun thy ſight
Beneath the ſpreading vale of night;
One glance of thine, one piercing ray,
Would kindle darkneſs into day,

The vale of night is no diſguiſe,
No ſcreen from thy all-ſearching eyes:
Thy hand can ſeize thy foes, as ſoon
Thro' midnight ſhades, as blazing noon.

Midnight and noon in this agree;
Great God, they're ſubject both to thee!
Not death can hide from God moſt high,
And hell lies naked to his eye.

O, may theſe thoughts poſſeſs our breaſt,
Where'er we rove, where'er we reſt!
Correct us, when we go aſtray,
And guide us in the perfect way!

Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and ſtrength, who art the author of all godlineſs; be ready, we beſeech thee, to hear the devout prayers of thy ſervants; and grant, that thoſe things, which we aſk faithfully, we may obtain effectually, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

O Lord and heavenly Father; we acknowledge thy great goodneſs to us, in ſparing us when we deſerve puniſhment; in giving us the neceſſaries of this life, and in ſetting before us the happineſs of a better. O merciful God, for the ſake of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, pardon our paſt offences; correct and amend in us whatever thou ſeeſt amiſs; that, as we grow in years, we may

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alſo grow in grace; and the nearer we draw to our latter end, the better we may be prepared for it. Grant, O Lord, that a due ſenſe of our frailty may make us ſo careful how to live, as that we may, through thy mercy in Jeſus Chriſt, eſcape the bitter pains of eternal death. Take from us all ignorance of thy will, all hardneſs of heart, and too much carefulneſs about the things of this life. Make us a family fearing thee, O God, ſubmitting ourſelves to thy good pleaſure, and putting our whole truſt in thy mercy. Grant, that governors may rule with truth and juſtice; and that thoſe, whoſe duty it is to obey, may obey for conſcience ſake. Continue to us the means of grace, and the bleſſings of peace and unity, which, by thy goodneſs, we now enjoy. We commend unto thy tender mercy, O God, all who labour under trials and afflictions, all ſick and dying perſons, and all our relations, benefactors, and friends. Let thy bleſſing, O Lord, be with us, to defend us in all dangers,

gers, and to comfort us in all adverſities; and, when we depart out of this life, grant that we may dwell with thee in life everlaſting for Jeſus Chriſt's ſake.

O God, from whom all holy deſires, all good counſels and all juſt works do proceed; give unto thy ſervants that peace, which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be ſet to obey thy commandments, and alſo that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may paſs our time in reſt and quietneſs, through the merits of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

O God, the ſtrength of all, who put their truſt in thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and becauſe, through the weakneſs of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that, in keeping thy commandments, we may pleaſe thee both in will and deed, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

Our

Our Father, which art in heaven; hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them, that treſpaſs againſt us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the love of God, and the fellowſhip of the Holy Ghoſt, be with us all evermore. Amen.

FRIDAY MORNING.

PRAISE ye the Lord! In his juſt praiſe,
Our ſouls their utmoſt pow'rs ſhall raiſe:
With private friends, or crouds among,
His praiſe ſhall ever be our ſong.

His works, for greatneſs tho' renow'd,
His wond'rous works with eaſe are found,
To all, who ſeek his ways aright,
The pious ſearch ſhall bring delight.

Judgement and truth his hands diſpenſe,
His pity warms the grateful ſenſe:
His bounty, like a flowing tide,
Hath all his ſervants wants ſupply'd.

His fear th' obedient heart refines;
In brighteſt truth array'd he ſhines.
He wiſdom's path to view diſplays,
And prompts each tongue to endleſs praiſe.

Or

Or this

Let ev'ry tongue thy goodneſs ſpeak,
Thou ſov'reign Lord of all!
Thy ſtrength'ning hands uphold the weak,
And raiſe the poor that fall.

When ſorrows bow the ſpirits down,
Or virtue lies diſtreſt
Beneath the proud oppreſſor's frown,
Thou giv'ſt the mourner reſt.

The Lord ſupports our tott'ring days,
And guides our giddy youth:
Holy and juſt are all his ways,
And all his words are truth.

Whate'er our various wants require,
With open hand he gives;
And ſo fulfills the juſt deſire
Of ev'ry thing that lives.

Let us pray.

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble ſervants; and, that we may obtain our petitions, make us to aſk ſuch things as ſhall pleaſe thee, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

Moſt gracious God, who hateſt nothing that thou haſt made, and doſt forgive the ſins of all them that are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our ſins, and acknowledging our wretchedneſs, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remiſſion and forgiveneſs, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

Almighty God, who, dwelling in the higheſt heavens, yet vouchſafeſt to regard thy creatures here upon earth; we humbly adore thy ſacred Majeſty, and with all the powers of

of our ſouls and bodies do exalt and praiſe thy holy name, for all the mercies and comforts of this life, and for the hopes and aſſurance of a better; for protecting us from the evils and dangers of the night paſt, and for bringing us ſafe to the light of a new day. Continue to us, we beſeech thee, this thy mercy and goodneſs; and, as thou haſt awakened our bodies from ſleep, ſo raiſe our ſouls from the death of ſin unto a life of righteouſneſs. Deliver us, O God, from the evils of this day, and guide our feet in the paths of peace and holineſs. Strengthen our reſolutions to embrace all opportunities of doing good, and carefully to avoid all occaſions of evil: and when, through frailty, or the violence of temptation, we fall from our duty, do thou in mercy reſtore us again with a double portion of thy Holy Spirit, and enable us to maintain a more ſucceſsful defence for the future. Shower down thy graces and bleſſings upon all our relations and friends, and give thy holy Angels

gels charge over them, to protect them from all sin and danger. Make us diligent in the duties of our several stations; and grant, that, in all the changes and chances of this life, we may absolutely submit to thy divine Providence. Let thy blessing be upon our actions, and let thy wisdom direct our intentions; that so the whole course of our lives, and the principal designs of our hearts, may be ordered by thy governance, to do always what is righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, which art in heaven; hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them, that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

FRIDAY EVENING.

IT is a joyful thing to praiſe
And thank our God moſt high:
A joyful thing, to ſound thy name,
O Lord, above the ſky:

To ſhow forth all thy wond'rous love,
Before the morning light;
Or to declare thy grace and truth,
When clouds bring on the night.

To thee a ten-ſtring'd inſtrument
And ſolemn harp ſhall ſound;
And, in the well-tun'd pſaltery,
Shall thy juſt praiſe be found.

To ſing the wonders of thy hand,
We raiſe our ſoul and voice;
In praiſing thee, and all thy works,
Our heart and tongue rejoice.

Or

Or this.

Lord, hear the voice of our complaint,
Accept our fervent pray'r:
To thee alone, our king and God,
We will for help repair.

Shelter'd beneath the Almighty's wing,
Securely we ſhall reſt,
Where neither ſun ſhall ſcorch by day,
Nor moon by night moleſt.

From common accidents of life,
His care ſhall guard us ſtill;
From the blind ſtrokes of chance, or foes
That lie in wait to kill.

Then down in peace we'll lay our head,
And take our needful reſt:
No other guard, O Lord, we crave,
Of thy defence poſſeſt. *

* The firſt ſtanza is taken from the 5th Pſalm; the laſt from the 4th; the others from the 121ſt.

Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and ſtrength, who art the author of all godlineſs; be ready, we beſeech thee, to hear our prayers; and grant, that thoſe things, which we aſk faithfully, we may obtain effectually, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

O moſt mighty God, and merciful Father, who haſt compaſſion upon all men, and hateſt nothing that thou haſt made; who wouldeſt not the death of a ſinner, but that he ſhould rather turn from his ſin, and be ſaved; mercifully forgive us our treſpaſſes; relieve and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our ſins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to thee only it belongeth to forgive ſins. Spare us, therefore, gracious Lord; ſpare us, whom thou haſt redeemed. Enter not into judgment with thy ſervants, who are miſerable ſinners; but ſo turn thine anger from us,

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who acknowledge and repent us of our faults, and ſo make haſte to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

O God, the protector of all that truſt in thee, without whom nothing is ſtrong, nothing is holy; increaſe and multiply upon us thy mercy, that thou being our ruler and guide, we may ſo paſs through things temporal, that we finally loſe not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jeſus Chriſt's ſake, our Lord.

Lighten our darkneſs, we beſeech thee, O Lord; and, by thy great mercy, defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt.

Hear, O Lord, our ſupplications to thee for all our benefactors, friends, and relations. Let thy fatherly hand, we beſeech thee,

thee, ever be over them; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; and ſo lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that, in the end, they may obtain everlaſting life, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, who, with thee and the Holy Ghoſt, liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy ſervants, do give thee moſt humble and hearty thanks, for all thy goodneſs and loving-kindneſs to us and to all men. We bleſs thee for our creation, preſervation, that of this day in particular, and all the bleſſings of this life; but, above all, for thine ineſtimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jeſus Chriſt; for the means of grace afforded us here, and for the hope of future glory. Give us, we beſeech thee, that due ſenſe of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we may ſhow forth thy praiſe, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving

giving up ourſelves to thy ſervice, and by walking before thee in holineſs and right-eouſneſs all our days, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghoſt, be all honour and glory, world without end.

Aſſiſt us mercifully, O Lord, in theſe our ſupplications and prayers, and diſpoſe the way of thy ſervants towards the attainment of everlaſting ſalvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, we may ever be defended by thy moſt gracious and ready help, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

The grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the love of God, and the fellowſhip of the Holy Ghoſt, be with us all evermore Amen.

SATURDAY MORNING.

O, praiſe the name of God aloud!
Addreſs the Lord on high!
O'er the wide heav'ns he ſpreads his clouds,
And waters veil the ſky.

He pours his ſhow'rs of bleſſing down,
To cheer the plains below:
He makes the graſs the mountains crown,
The corn in vallies grow,

He ſends to all his creatures meat,
And hears the raven's cry.
To man he gives the flour of wheat,
Of life the due ſupply.

He guides the planets as they roll,
Their courſe and order knows.
In man he heals th' afflicted ſoul,
And all its wounds can cloſe.

Or

Or this.

The Lord our paſture ſhall prepare,
And feed us with a ſhepherd's care:
His preſence ſhall our wants ſupply,
And guard us with a watchful eye.
Our noon-day walks he ſhall attend,
And all our midnight hours defend.

When in the ſultry glebe we faint,
Or on the thirſty mountain pant;
To fertile vales and dewy meads
Our weary wand'ring ſteps he leads.

Tho' in a bare and rugged way,
Thro' pathleſs, lonely, wilds we ſtray;
His bounty ſhall our pains beguile,
And make the barren deſert ſmile.

Tho' in the paths of death we tread,
With gloomy horrors overſpread;
Our ſtedfaſt heart ſhall fear no ill,
For thou, O Lord, art with us ſtill.
Thy friendly ſtaff ſhall give us aid,
And guide us thro' the dreadful ſhade.

Let us pray.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, we humbly adore thee, as the maker and governor of the world, the author of our being, the preſerver of our life, and the giver of every good thing. We heartily thank thee for the comfortable reſt, which we have enjoyed the night paſt; that thou haſt preſerved us in ſafety, and raiſed us up in health. We bleſs thee for all thy goodneſs to us ever ſince we came into the world, and eſpecially for the advantages thou haſt given us, by the inſtruction and improvement of our minds in the knowledge of thee, the only true God, and Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Grant, O gracious God, that the ſenſe of thy favours may ſo deeply affect our hearts, that we may ſhow forth our thankfulneſs in the whole courſe of our lives. We are thine, O Lord, by creation, by redemption, by our baptiſm and Chriſtian

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The grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the love of God, and the fellowſhip of the Holy Ghoſt, be with us all evermore. Amen.

tian profeſſion, by all the obligations, which thou haſt laid upon us. We deſire to be thine alſo by a willing dedication of ourſelves to thee every day of our lives, and by a conſtant and faithful endeavour to approve ourſelves unto thee. We beſeech thee, in thy great mercy, through the mediation of our bleſſed Redeemer, to pardon all our paſt offences; and to enable us, by thy grace, to diſcern and to amend whatever is amiſs in us. Incline our hearts to all that is good; grant, that we may have reſpect to thy will in all our thoughts, words, and actions; that we may be temperate in our enjoyments, true and juſt in our dealings, innocent and inoffenſive in our whole converſation, faithful and diligent in diſcharging the duties of our ſeveral ſtations, and ready to do to all others, as we would they ſhould do to us. Make us perfectly contented with our condition, and thankful to thee, who haſt given us all things neceſſary

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for life and godlineſs. Let thy good Providence always take care of us, and let us never place our truſt and confidence in any thing but thee. Take us, we beſeech thee, into thy protection this day. Keep us, if it be thy good will, in health and ſafety. Preſerve us from the vanity of our own hearts, and from the temptations of the world, the fleſh, and the devil. Help us, through a ſenſe of thy continual preſence with us, and of the account we are to give unto thee, ſo to govern our thoughts, words, and actions, that we may reflect upon them with ſatisfaction at the cloſe of the day. Let thy bleſſing be upon every member of this family; upon all our relations and friends; upon all whom we ought, and whom we deſire to pray for. We humbly commit both ourſelves and them to thee, O heavenly Father, in the name of Jeſus Chriſt our Saviour, and in the words, which he himſelf hath taught us:

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Our Father, which art in heaven; hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them, that treſpaſs againſt us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the love of God, and the fellowſhip of the Holy Ghoſt, be with us all evermore. Amen.

SATURDAY EVENING.

OUR ſhepherd is the living Lord;
He gives us all we need:
In paſtures green, where waters flow,
He leads us forth to feed.

He ſhall convert and glad our ſoul,
Our heart and mind ſhall frame
To ſeek the paths of righteouſneſs,
To bleſs and praiſe his name.

Tho' in the gloomy vale of death,
No evil will we fear:
Thy rod and ſtaff ſhall comfort bring;
Thy help ſhall then be near.

Thou, thro' our life, thro' all our days,
To us haſt mercy ſhown;

Hence

Hence in thy houſe our dwelling-place
Shall be with thee alone. *

* Inſtead of this laſt ſtanza, the following, if preferred, may be ſubſtituted.

Since God does thus his wond'rous love
Thro' all our life extend,
That life to him we will devote,
And in his temple ſpend.

Or this

Lord, let our hearts rejoice,
And bleſs us from thy throne;
For we will make thy law our choice,
And truſt in thee alone!

Thy voice and mighty word
The heav'ns above have ſpread,
And, by the ſpirit of the Lord,
Creation raiſ'd its head.

The ſtrength of man is vain,
No ſhield to innocence;

But thoſe, who truſt in thee, obtain
A ſtrong and ſure defence.

Thy people's pray'r fulfill!
Here fix thy gracious throne!
To us reveal thy heav'nly will,
And make thy precepts known!

Let us pray.

Moſt gracious God, our heavenly Father, as we began, ſo we deſire to end the day and the week, with bleſſing thy holy name, and imploring thy favour. Honour and worſhip, praiſe and thankſgiving, are due to thee from every underſtanding and rational creature. We heartily bleſs thee, that we are in the number of thoſe, whom thou haſt made to ſerve and love thee; and that thou haſt, moreover, revealed thyſelf unto us, by thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, our Redeemer, and encouraged us to call upon thee in his name. We humbly thank thee for thy daily care of

of us, and particularly for that good Providence, which hath been over us the day paſt; that thou haſt preſerved us from the many evils, to which we are liable; and haſt beſtowed upon us ſo many good things, which we have not deſerved; eſpecially for whatever thou haſt enabled us to do, which is acceptable in thy ſight, and which we can reflect upon with ſatisfaction. We humbly bewail, O Lord, the great weakneſs and corruption of our nature, and the many errors and tranſgreſſions of our lives. We humbly beg thy mercy in the pardon of all our ſins, through the mediation of our bleſſed Redeemer; particularly of whatever thou haſt ſeen amiſs in us this day, whether in our thoughts, words, or actions. Grant, O Lord, that the ſenſe of our unworthineſs may always keep us humble, and work in us an unfeigned repentance of all our ſins; and let the remembrance of them ever excite in us a greater care and watchfulneſs for the time to come. Strengthen in us

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every good purpoſe and reſolution. Whatever part of our duty we know not, do thou teach us; and, wherein we have done amiſs, help us to do ſo no more. Leave us not, O God, at any time, to ourſelves, nor in the hands of our ſpiritual enemies. Preſerve us from thoſe circumſtances, which would prove a ſnare or temptation to us. Let thy good Spirit continually enlighten and ſanctify our minds, directing and aſſiſting us through the whole courſe of our lives. Fill us with a ſenſe of our conſtant and entire dependance upon thee, that we may always commit ourſelves to thy care, and be ever ſatisfied with thy diſpoſal of us. Teach us ſo to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to true and heavenly wiſdom. Help us to live in a daily preparation for our great change, keeping our conſcience void of offence, both towards thee, and towards men: and grant, that we may be always ſo employed, as we ſhall wiſh we had been, when we come to die; that, whenever

er thou ſhalt think fit to call us out of this world, we may readily and thankfully exchange it for a better. Take us, we beſeech thee, into thy protection this night. Preſerve us, if it be thy good will, in health and ſafety; and grant us that reſt, which may refreſh us, and diſpoſe us to ſerve thee cheerfully, both in body and mind, the enſuing ſacred day. We heartily deſire the good of all mankind, and pray to thee for the purity, the peace, and the enlargement of thy holy Church; for thy direction and aſſiſtance of all its governors and paſtors, particularly thoſe, under whoſe miniſtry we are placed; for the welfare of our country; for a bleſſing upon the King, and all in authority under him; for the relief and comfort of all that are in affliction; for all our friends and relations; beſeeching thee to hear and accept us, and all that call upon thee in the name of Jeſus Chriſt, our only Lord and Saviour, who hath taught us thus to pray:

Our

Our Father, which art in heaven; hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them, that treſpaſs againſt us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the love of God, and the fellowſhip of the Holy Ghoſt, be with us all evermore. Amen.

SHORT PRAYER FOR MORNING.*

FROM all, that dwell below the ſkies,
Let the Creator's praiſe ariſe!
Let the Redeemer's name be ſung,
Thro' ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue!

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord!
Eternal truth confirms thy word.
Thy praiſe ſhall ſound from ſhore to ſhore,
'Till ſuns ſhall riſe and ſet no more.

Let us pray.

O God, whoſe nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble

* It may ſometimes happen, that the time, requiſite for the due performance of the uſual ſervice, ſhort as it is, cannot well be ſpared. On ſuch occaſions, it will be better, rather than to break through the cuſtom of aſſembling the family to their devotions, to make uſe of this ſhorter form.

humble petitions; and, though we be tied and bound with the chain of our ſins, yet let the pitiſulneſs of thy great mercy looſe us, for the honour of Jeſus Chriſt, our mediator and advocate.

O God, who art the author of peace, and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom ſtandeth our eternal life, whoſe ſervice is perfect freedom; defend us, thy humble ſervants, in all aſſaults of our enemies; that we, ſurely truſting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adverſaries, through the might of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlaſting God, who haſt ſafely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the ſame, we beſeech thee, with thy mighty power; and grant, that this day we fall into no ſin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered

ordered by thy governance, to do always what is righteous in thy ſight, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

Our Father, &c.

The grace &c.

SHORT PRAYER FOR EVENING.

From all, that dwell below the ſkies,
Let the Creator's praiſe ariſe!
Let the redeemer's name be ſung,
Thro' ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue!

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O God, from whom all holy deſires, all good counſels, and all juſt works do proceed; give unto thy ſervants that peace, which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be ſet to obey thy commandments, and alſo that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may paſs our time in reſt and quietneſs, through the merits of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

Lighten our darkneſs, we beſeech thee, O Lord; and, by thy great mercy, defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt.

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FORMS FOR PARTICULAR DAYS.*

CHRISTMAS-DAY.

THE Saviour comes, by prophets long foretold:
Hear him, ye deaf, and all ye blind, behold!
He from thick films ſhall purge dark reaſon's ray,
And on the ſightleſs eye-ball pour the day.

He ſhall the paths of ſound obſtructed clear,
And bid new muſic charm the ſenſeleſs ear.

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* To theſe forms may be added the whole or part of the ordinary form for the Morning or Evening, omitting the ordinary introductory Pſalm or Hymn; or, what ſome may think a better order, the ordinary form omitting the Pſalm or Hymn and the concluſion, may be introduced between the particular Hymn and the particular Prayer.

The dumb ſhall ſing, the lame ſupport forego,
And leap exulting as the bounding roe.

No ſigh, no murmur, the wide world ſhall hear;
From ev'ry face he wipes off ev'ry tear:
In ſtrongeſt chains ſhall conquer'd death be bound,
And hell's grim tyrant feel th' eternal wound.

He, as a ſhepherd, carries in his arms
His tender lambs, and in his boſom warms;
Explores the loſt, the wand'ring ſheep directs,
By day o'erſees them, and by night protects.

Or this.

Behold the lamb of God,
Who takes our guilt away!

See

See and adore his heav'nly love,
And praiſe him day by day!

Be ev'ry valley high,
Be ev'ry mountain low!
The proud muſt ſtoop; the humble ſoul
Shall his ſalvation know.

The heathen realms abroad
Shall join in ſweet accord,
And all the ſons of men ſhall ſee
The glory of the Lord.

Behold the day-ſpring riſe,
Ye, that in darkneſs dwell!
He marks the path, which leads to peace;
He burſts the gates of hell.

Let us pray.

Holy and ever-bleſſed Jeſus, who, being the eternal Son of God, and moſt high in the glory of the Father, didſt vouchſafe to take

take our nature upon thee, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; who didſt come into the world to heal the broken-hearted, to help the miſerable, and to ſave that which was loſt; to deliver us from eternal miſery, and to make us partakers of the inheritance with the ſaints in light; give us grace with all admiration, reverence, and thankfulneſs, ever to receive and ponder this great myſtery of godlineſs in our hearts. Welcome news, that Chriſt Jeſus came into the world to ſave ſinners! Quicken us, O Lord, that we may duly expreſs the delight and thankfulneſs, which our ſouls ought to feel on this occaſion; that we may comply with the gracious deſigns of thy mercy to do us good. Keep us at all times, and more eſpecially during this ſeaſon, from abuſing the good things, with which thy bounty hath furniſhed us for the refreſhment of the body; and from falling into the ſin of gluttony or drunkenneſs. Work in our hearts ſuch a lively ſenſe of the many and great

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bleſſings, which this ſeaſon brings to our remembrance, that, adoring and believing in thee, as our only Lord and Saviour, imitating thy holy example, and obeying thy commands, we may be ſaved through thy merits, and at laſt reign with thee, who art God bleſſed for ever, world without end.

Our Father, &c.

The grace &c.

GOOD-FRIDAY.

LIKE Sheep we went aſtray,
And broke the fold of God:
All loſt and wand'ring from the way,
The path of ſin we trod.

But God, at death's dread hour,
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The vengeance, he was pleas'd to pour,
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How glorious was the grace,
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His life and blood the ſhepherd pays,
A ranſom for his flock.

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He ſhall behold a num'rous ſeed
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fully under the banner of our crucified Saviour; that nothing, either in life or in death, may ever separate us from the love of our glorious Redeemer; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth one God, bleſſed for ever.

Our Father, &c.

The grace &c,

EASTER-DAY.

JESUS Chriſt is riſen to-day,
Our triumphant holy-day,
Who ſo lately on the croſs
Suffer'd to redeem our loſs.

Hymns of praiſes let us ſing
Unto Chriſt, our heav'nly king,
Who endur'd the croſs and grave,
Sinners to redeem and ſave.

But the pains, which he endur'd,
Our ſalvation have procur'd.
Now he reigns above the ſky,
Where the angels ever cry,
Hallelujah; praiſe the Lord.

Or this.

Joy fills the dwelling of the *Juſt*,
Whom God hath ſav'd from harm;

For wond'rous things are brought to paſs
By his almighty arm.

That, which the builders once refus'd,
Is now the corner ſtone:
This is the mighty work of God,
The work of God alone.

This is the joyful day, O God,
Which thou thyſelf haſt made!
O, let us all rejoice, and ſing
Thy love to man diſplay'd!

Thou art our God: thee will we thank;
For thou didſt gracious prove.
Thou art our God: thee will we praiſe;
For thou didſt mercy love.

Let us pray.

Welcome, bleſſed day, in which our Saviour aroſe from the dead, and chaſed away the clouds of fear. Our glorious Redeem-

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er hath triumphed over the powers of darkneſs, and conquered hell and the grave, He is riſen, and hath ſhown, that he is able to ſave himſelf, and to ſave to the uttermoſt all, who come unto God through him. By his death, he hath deſtroyed death; and, by his riſing to life again, hath reſtored man to everlaſting life. Now may every penitent ſinner be of good comfort. Tell abroad this ſoul-reviving truth, *The Lord of life is riſen again.* O bleſſed Redeemer, make us to riſe from the death of ſin unto the life of righteouſneſs; that we may ſpend the remainder of our days to ſecure that everlaſting happineſs, which thou haſt purchaſed for us. Thy reſurrection ſpeaks comfort to us under all, even our bittereſt ſorrows. Though we mourn and are afflicted here, yet the tears, which we ſhed for our ſins, ſhall be turned into joy; and that joy no one ſhall take from us. Though our bodies be crumbled into duſt, or devoured by the fiſh of the ſea,

ſea, yet ſhall we live, and with our eyes ſee our Redeemer, and be united to our glorious head for ever and ever.

Our Father, &c.

The grace &c.

ASCENSION-DAY.

LIFT up your heads, eternal gates!
Your lofty arches rear,
Ye everlasting doors! Behold
The king of glory near!

Who is this king of glory? Who?
The Lord of hosts renown'd;
In battle mighty; o'er his foes
Triumphant conqu'ror crown'd.

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Who is this king of glory? Who?
The Lord of hosts renown'd:
Of glory he alone is king,
Alone with glory crown'd.

Let us pray.

Grant, we beſeech thee, almighty God, that, like as we do believe thy only begotten Son, our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, to have aſcended into the heavens; ſo we may alſo in heart and mind thither aſcend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth, with thee and the Holy Ghoſt, one God, world without end.

O King of Glory, who art exalted far above all principalities and powers, and enthroned in thy heavenly kingdom, where ſaints and angels, and all the hoſt of heaven, do adore and praiſe thee; look down from on high on us thy humble ſervants here below. O, make us feel the power of thy grace, and the bleſſed influences of the Holy Spirit lifting up our minds and deſires, from fleeting earthly enjoyments, to the ſolid and laſting glories above; and grant, that

that, after we have dwelt above in heart and mind, we may at laſt in reality thither aſcend, whither thou our Saviour art gone before, and be for ever with thee; there, together with the whole church triumphant, to ſee and adore, to love and praiſe thee, O bleſſed Lord, world without end.

Our Father, &c.

The grace &c.

WHIT-SUNDAY.

HOW beauteous are their feet,
Who ſtand on Sion's hill!
Who ſpeak ſalvation to the world,
And news of peace reveal!

Happy the man, whoſe ear
Receives the joyful ſound,
Which kings and prophets ſought with care,
But ſeeking never found!

Liſt up your eyes on high!
Behold this heav'nly light!
Prophets and kings deſir'd to ſee,
But dy'd without the ſight.

The Lord makes known his grace
Thro' all the earth abroad.
Let ev'ry nation now behold
Their Saviour and their God!

Let us pray.

All glory be to thee, O Lord, who didſt ſend down, at this time, the Holy Ghoſt from heaven, in the likeneſs of fiery tongues, lighting upon the Apoſtles; and didſt produce in them glorious effects, turning their ignorance into knowledge, their fear into courage, their weakneſs into ſtrength, and their ſorrow into joy; and who, notwithſtanding all the devices of Satan, haſt cauſed the Goſpel to be preached unto all nations. Had we the tongue of men and angels; had we that miraculous gift, which deſcended upon the Apoſtles, and made them declare thy wonderful works in every language; ſtill would our praiſes be infinitely leſs than thy perfections require. O heavenly Comforter, enter into our ſouls, and dwell there; that it may appear, by our converſation and courſe of life, that thy grace doth rule in our hearts. But, O adorable

dorable Spirit, thou wilt not enter into a ſoul polluted with ſin; nor ſtay in a breaſt, which harbours any iniquity. Do thou, therefore, who cleanſeſt the thoughts of the heart, forgive us, we humbly entreat thee, if at any time we have reſiſted thy bleſſed inſpirations, and quenched the holy flames, which thou haſt kindled in our breaſts; and ſo purify our hearts with thy celeſtial grace, ſo burn up in us all the droſs of ſin, and ſo mortify and kill all vices in us, that we may be fit to receive and entertain thee as our Guide and Comforter. Then ſhall we know and love thee, and conſtantly do what is right; and ſo, walking by the influences of thy grace here, we ſhall be fitted for thy glory hereafter.

Our Father, &c.

The grace &c,

ANY SAINT'S DAY.

IN Sion we have ſeen perform'd
A work, that was foretold;
A pledge, that God, by preſent help,
His people would uphold.

In that ſure promiſe made to man,
The world did long confide,
"That he'd vouchſafe, in times to come,
Himſelf our hearts to guide."

He gave the word. The preachers came:
Their numbers who ſhall count?
His glory dwelt in Sion's tow'rs,
As once on Sinai's mount.

What praiſe to God, what thanks belong!
Him we with joy proclaim.
His truth of ev'ry grateful ſong
Shall be the conſtant theme.

Let us pray.

Bleſſing, honour, glory, and praiſe be to thee, O Father of mercies, for having raiſed up holy and righteous men, as inſtruments to convey the light of the glorious Goſpel of Jeſus Chriſt to the world, and to overcome the kingdom of darkneſs. More particularly we praiſe thy name for the eminent graces and virtues, which ſhone forth in thy ſervant Saint....., who departed this life with the ſeal of faith, and now reigns in bliſs and glory. We likewiſe praiſe thee for all other thy ſervants, and eſpecially for thoſe among our relations and friends, who have departed this life in thy faith and fear. Grant, O Lord, that the examples of thy Saints may quicken and encourage us to follow them, as they did follow Chriſt; that we may, with a glad and willing mind, imitate their humility, ſelf-denial, courage in profeſſing the truth; that we may leave an example of faith and obe-

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dience to thoſe, who ſhall come after us; ſo that, at the laſt, with the Saints, who are gone before us, we may ſing eternal Hallelujahs to the honour of thy name, through Jeſus Chriſt our Saviour.

Our Father, &c.

The Grace &c.

BEFORE THE COMMUNION. *

BLESSED Lord, who, for the more ſolemn remembrance of thy death and paſſion, haſt ordained the ſacrament of thy laſt ſupper to commemorate thy ſufferings, and to convey to our ſouls the benefits we derive from them; mercifully grant, that we may be meet partakers of thoſe holy myſteries. Work in us a ſincere deſire to approach thy table, and a care duly to prepare ourſelves for doing ſo. Give us ſuch a conviction of our own unworthineſs, that we may be touched with humility and godly ſorrow; and ſuch a ſenſe of thy unſpeakable goodneſs to us, that we may be filled with gratitude and love. Impreſs our minds with holy awe, that, in the more immediate preſence

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preſence of the great judge of heaven and earth, we may obſerve a becoming reverence. Subdue our worldly affections, and inflame our hearts with holy ardours, that we may worthily praiſe thee while we live here, and to all eternity hereafter.

Our Father, &c.

The grace &c.

AFTER THE COMMUNION. *

GREAT is thy goodneſs to us, O Lord, who haſt this day honoured us with the higheſt privilege. Thou haſt permitted us to approach thy holy table, and haſt fed us with the ſpiritual food of the moſt precious body and blood of thy Son, our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. Bleſſing and honour, glory and power, be unto him, who ſitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever; for he was ſlain, and hath redeemed us with his blood. Hallelujah! Thanks be to God for his unſpeakable gift in Chriſt Jeſus our Lord. We have taſted and ſeen this day, that the Lord is gracious. O, truſt in him, all ye his people! rejoice, and ſhow yourſelves glad in the Lord! for it

* On the evening of the day, in which the Sacrament of the Lord's ſupper has been received by the members of the family, or a conſiderable part of them, this prayer may be added to the ordinary form.

it well becometh thoſe, whom he hath redeemed, to be thankful. And now, O Lord, ſince we are bought with a price, with the price of Chriſt's moſt precious blood; let us not loſe what he hath purchaſed for us, by returning again to iniquity. Protect and defend us againſt the temptations, which are apt to aſſault us; and let not our treacherous hearts violate the promiſes, which we have this day renewed. Strengthen us with thy heavenly grace, that we may not defile the ſouls, which the blood of Chriſt hath waſhed; and let not the pleaſures of the world any more prevail on us to tranſgreſs thy holy laws. O Lord, ſubdue our corruptions, quicken our piety, and increaſe our charity; that, fixing our thoughts upon the great advantages of a virtuous and religious life, we may daily grow in grace, and become rich in good works. Thus ſhall we, guided by thy Providence, and aſſiſted by thy Holy Spirit, at laſt arrive at the end of our hope; and, by being

being faithful unto death, receive a crown of life in thy glorious kingdom hereafter, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

Our Father, &c.

The grace &c.

GENERAL FAST-DAY. *

GOD is our refuge in diſtreſs,
A preſent help when dangers preſs:
In him undaunted we'll confide,
Tho' earth were from her centre toſt,
And mountains in the ocean loſt,
Uprooted by the roaring tide.

The Lord of Hoſts conducts our arms,
Our hope and refuge in alarms,
Our fathers' Guardian-God and tow'r.
Think on the wonders he hath wrought,
On earth what deſolations brought!
The jarring world obeys his pow'r.

Submit to God's almighty ſway!
To him the heathen homage pay:
Him ſhall the earth her Lord confeſs.

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* This form may alſo be uſed on Aſh-Wednesday.

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We in this hope, amidſt alarms,
Our fathers' confidence poſſeſs.

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A preſent help when dangers preſs;
In him undaunted we'll confide.
To worſhip in his ſacred court,
Therefore let us with joy reſort,
Who ne'er in vain his goodneſs try'd.

Or this.

When thou, O Lord, ſhalt ſtand array'd
In majeſty ſevere,
And ſit in judgment on our ſouls,
O, how ſhall we appear?

But thou haſt told the troubled mind,
Which ſhall its ſins lament,
The timely tribute of its tears
Shall endleſs woes prevent.

Then ſee the ſorrows of our hearts,
Ere yet it be too late!
And hear our Saviour's dying groans,
To give thoſe ſorrows weight!

For never ſhall our ſouls deſpair
Their pardon to procure,
Which know thy only Son hath dy'd,
To make that pardon ſure.

Let us pray.

O God of all glory, we bluſh to think, that we are in the number of thoſe degenerate children, whom thou haſt nouriſhed and brought up, and who have rebelled againſt thee. But, merciful Lord, in pity to our ſouls, pardon our ingratitude, and lay not to our charge our paſt tranſgreſſions. Accept of our unfeigned ſorrow for all our former ſins, and let the precious blood of Chriſt plead in our behalf, and procure our pardon. Be merciful to this ſinful nation,

which has abuſed thy manifold and great bleſſings. Grant, that thy threatenings may work godly ſorrow, and an unfeigned repentance, in the breaſt of every one among us; that our abſtinence from food may fit and diſpoſe our hearts toabſtain from ſin and folly, and work in us repentance to ſalvation not to be repented of. Then ſhall this day of humiliation here on earth be followed by days of rejoicing hereafter in heaven, where we ſhall never hunger, never thirſt, any more; but be ſatisfied with all good things at thy right-hand, where there is fulneſs of joy, and unmixed pleaſures for ever.

Our Father, &c.

The Grace &c.

GENERAL THANKSGIVING DAY.

PRAISE, O praiſe the name divine,
Praiſe it at the hallow'd ſhrine!
Let the firmament on high
To its maker's praiſe reply!

Let his acts and pow'r ſupreme
To your ſongs ſuggeſt a theme!
Harp, and lute, and timbrel bring,
Wake to life each tuneful ſtring!

Let the cymbal's varying ſound
From the vaulted roof rebound!
Swell the organ in his praiſe!
All the powers of muſic raiſe!

All, who vital breath enjoy,
In his praiſe that breath employ!
All in one great chorus join,
Praiſe, O praiſe the name divine!

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlaſting God, who ruleſt over all the kingdoms of the earth, and, according to the counſels of thy heavenly wiſdom, correcteſt them with judgments, or bleſſeſt them with the tokens of thy favour; we give thee humble and hearty thanks for the great mercy, which thou haſt lately vouchſafed to grant us; for delivering us from the ſcourge of ....., and reſtoring to us the bleſſing of .....; thus turning our days of humiliation and mourning into thoſe of joy and gladneſs. Give us grace, that the remembrance of thy judgments may make us fearful of offending thee, and that the ſenſe of thy mercy and goodneſs, exciting our gratitude and thanks, may diſpoſe us ever to ſhow forth our thankfulneſs in a ready obedience to thy laws; ſo that, having paſſed our time in peace and ſafety under thy gracious protection here, we may finally attain to the enjoyment of thy

thy heavenly kingdom, and evermore rejoice with thy ſaints and angels, through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt.

Our Father, &c.

The grace &c,

Paraphraſe of the Lord's Prayer. *

ALMIGHTY and everlaſting God, our heavenly Father, maker and preſerver of all things, we give thee humble and hearty thanks for thy goodneſs and loving-kindneſs to us and to all mankind. May the knowledge and true worſhip of thee, the only God, prevail more and more throughout the world. May all men, ſenſible of their entire dependance on thee, acknowledge thy ſovereign authority over them, and live in dutiful ſubjection to thy laws. May thy holy will be obeyed by them on earth, as it is obeyed by angels in heaven. Give thy bleſſing on our induſtry in our ſeveral callings,

* It may not be without uſe, in order to excite attention to the very comprehenſive meaning of the Lord's prayer, occaſionally to ſubſtitute this paraphraſe in its ſtead. This paraphraſe and the preceding prayer claim, ſo far as ſuch compoſitions can do ſo with propriety, to be conſidered as *original*. The reſt of the occaſional prayers are taken, with many verbal variations indeed, from the *Pious Country Pariſhioner*.

ings, and enable us to obtain ſuch a meaſure of temporal good things, as may be ſufficient for our ſupport and comfort. Through the merits and mediation of thy Son Chriſt Jeſus, forgive us all our paſt offences, as we, in obedience to thy command, forgive thoſe, who have offended againſt us. Aſſiſt us graciouſly, in our endeavours to overcome all future temptations to ill, with the influences of thy Holy Spirit, and deliver us from all dangers both of ſoul and body. Hear us, moſt merciful Father, and grant our petitions, for the ſake of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghoſt, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Additional introductory Hymns.

MORNING.

LET us with reverence adore and praiſe the Lord Almighty, the maker and preſerver of all things. Wherever we turn our eyes, we behold his glory. It ſhines forth in the whole frame of nature; in the ſun, moon, and ſtars, which he hath ordained; in the earth, the ſea, the air; in all things animate and inanimate; and in every property and power, by which they ſeverally anſwer the deſigns of his providence.

Literary Miſcellany, No. 1.

Theſe are thy glorious works, parent of good!
Almighty! thine this univerſal frame,
Thus wond'rous fair; thyſelf how wond'rous then!
Unſpeakable!

Unſpeakable! who ſitt'ſt above theſe hea-
v'ns,
To us inviſible, or dimly ſeen
In theſe thy loweſt works: yet theſe de-
clare
Thy goodneſs beyond thought, and pow'r
divine.
Hail, univerſal Lord! be bounteous ſtill
To give us only good: and, if the night
Have gather'd ought of evil to our minds,
Diſpel it, as now light diſpels the dark.

MILTON.

EVENING.

The God, that made both ſky, air, earth,
and heav'n,
The moon's reſplendent globe, and ſtarry
pole,
Let us adore. Thou alſo mad'ſt the night,
Maker Omnipotent! and thou the day,

Which

Which we, in our appointed works employ'd,
Have finiſh'd, happy in our mutual help.
May we, with grateful minds, each day extol
Thy goodneſs infinite, both when we wake,
And when we ſeek, as now, thy gift of ſleep.

MILTON.

Morning or Evening of any Feſtival, on which the bleſſing of Redemption is more particularly commemorated.

O, unexampled love of man redeem'd!
Nought leſs than love divine! more wonderful
Than that, which by creation firſt brought forth
Light out of darkneſs: thence more good ſhall ſpring:
To God more glory, more good will to men.

Hail,

Hail, Son of God! Saviour of men! thy name
Shall be the copious matter of our hymns
Henceforth, and never ſhall our hearts thy praiſe
Forget, nor from thy Father's praiſe diſjoin.

MILTON. *

The Lord's prayer imitated. **

Father of all! Eternal mind!
Immenſely good and great!
Thy children, form'd and bleſt by thee,
Approach thy heav'nly ſeat.

Thy name in hallow'd ſtrains be ſung;
We join the ſolemn praiſe:

To

* The readers of the *Paradiſe Loſt* will perceive, that, in the quotations from *Milton*, ſome liberties have been taken.

** This imitation of the Lord's prayer, or the paraphraſe of it by Dr. Adams, inſerted page forty-five, may be uſed at ſuch times, as that prayer itſelf is not directed to be uſed.

To thy great name, with heart and tongue,
Our chearful homage raiſe.

Thy mild, thy wiſe, and righteous reign,
Let ev'ry being own:
And in our minds, thy work divine,
Erect thy gracious throne.

As angels in the heav'nly worlds
Thy bleſs'd commands fulfil;
So may thy creatures here below
Perform thy holy will.

On thee we day by day depend:
Our daily wants ſupply:
With truth and virtue feed our ſouls,
That they may never die.

Extend thy grace to ev'ry fault;
Oh! let thy love forgive:
Teach *us* divine forgiveneſs too,
Nor let reſentments live.

Where tempting ſnares beſtrew the way,
Permit us not to tread;

Or

Or turn all real evil far
From our unguarded head.

Thy ſacred name we would adore,
With cheerful, humble mind;
And praiſe thy goodness, pow'r, and truth,
Eternal, unconfin'd.

Literary Miſcel. No. 1.

PSALM 136.

Liſt your voice, and thankful ſing
Praiſes to your heav'nly king;
For his bleſſings far extend,
And his mercy knows no end.
Be the Lord your only theme,
Who of Gods is God ſupreme:
Who aſſerts his juſt command
By the wonders of his hand:
He, whoſe wiſdom, thron'd on high,
Built the manſions of the ſky:
He, who bade the wat'ry deep
Under earth's foundation ſleep;

And the orbs, that gild the pole,
Thro' the boundleſs ether roll;
Thee, O ſun, whoſe pow'rful ray
Rules the empire of the day;
You, O moon and ſtars, whoſe light
Breaks the horrors of the night.
He with food ſuſtains, O earth,
All who claim from thee their birth.
Lift your voice, and thankful ſing
Praiſe to heav'n's eternal King.
For his bleſſings far extend,
And his mercy knows no end.

MERRICK.

GLORIA PATRI.

To Father, Son, and Spirit bleſt,
Be praiſe in loudeſt notes addres'd,
Such as by morning ſtars was ſung,
When earth was on its balance hung,

Such

Such praiſe as from th' angelic quoirs,
And ſaints, whom zeal like theirs inſpires,
In heav'n above and earth below
Still flows, and ſhall for ever flow.

MERRICK.

PRAYER AT FIRST RISING.*

Almighty and merciful God, I thank thee for preſerving me the night paſt. Take me, I beſeech thee, into thy gracious protection this day, for the ſake of Jeſus Chriſt, my Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PRAYER AT GOING TO REST.

Almighty and merciful God, I thank thee for preſerving me the day paſt. Take me, I beſeech thee, into thy gracious protection this night, for the ſake of Jeſus Chriſt, my Lord and Saviour. Amen.

* Theſe two ſhort prayers, which do not properly come within the plan of the preſent publication, are inſerted in conſequence of a particular requeſt.

FIRST GRACE.

May God grant his bleſſing on what we are going to receive.

Or this.

Whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do, let us do all to the glory and praiſe of God, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

SECOND GRACE.

For theſe, and all his bleſſings, God's holy name be praiſed, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

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